



## New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Title	10	Human Services	
Chapter	126	Manual Of Requirements For Family Child Care Registration	8/25/2009
Subchapter:	6	Safety, Health And Program Requirements For Providers	
Section	19	<b>Supervision (N.J.A.C. 10:126-6.19)</b>	

### §10:126-6.19 Supervision

(a) The provider shall be responsible for supervising the children and ensuring their safety at all times. Children who are asleep shall be within hearing and easy access of the provider, alternate provider, provider assistant or substitute provider.

(b) The provider shall not engage in any activity while on duty during operating hours that distracts his or her attention from providing family child care services. Such activities shall include, but not be limited to, other employment, volunteer services, recreation, hobbies or frequent or prolonged socialization with adults.

(c) The provider shall not leave the premise of the family child care home unless an approved caregiver is present with the children.

(d) The provider shall be scheduled to care for children at least 75 percent of the home's operating hours. When a provider and an alternate provider share child care responsibilities, the provider shall be scheduled to care for children at least 50 percent of the home's operating hours.

(e) When a family child care home operates 24 hours a day, an alternate provider is required. No caregiver may work more than 16 consecutive hours.

(f) If the provider cannot be present, the designated substitute or the alternate provider, if any, as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:126-5.2(a)6, shall assume the provider's responsibility for supervision of the children.

1. The substitute provider and the alternate provider, if any, shall be familiar with all applicable requirements of the Manual of Requirements.

2. When the provider is absent for six or more consecutive weeks and enrolled children continue to receive care in the home, another registered provider or the alternate provider, if any, shall temporarily assume the provider's responsibility for operating the home.

(g) When a provider assistant is present, the provider shall ensure that:

1. The provider assistant and the provider are involved in direct interaction with the children for a major portion of the day;
2. The provider assistant is familiar with all applicable requirements of the Manual of Requirements;
3. An assistant under 18 years of age is not left alone with the children except in an emergency; and
4. An assistant under 16 years of age:
  - i. Does not work in the home at any time when his or her school is in session;
  - ii. Does not work an excessive number of hours to the detriment of his or her health or schoolwork; and

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